

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E12-077

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: SOCIAL MEDIA

Written Question on Notice

Senator McKenzie asked:

- a) Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online?
- b) If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.
- c) If no, please explain why not.

Answer:

a), b) and c)

The Department of Health and Ageing and agency protocols about staff access and usage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs did not require amendment since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's (APSC) Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online.

The Department's existing position was in accordance with the APSC guidance and did not require revision.

When protocols in the department and agencies are being developed or reviewed, the guidance contained in the APSC Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online will be taken into consideration.